

WILL DEVELOP CENTRAL OREGON

Contract for Construction of Columbia Southern to Be Let This Month.

PORTLAND, Or., March 8.—It is understood that the contract for the construction of the Columbia Southern railroad from Shaniko to Bend, Or., will be let early this month, and that active construction on the extension will commence within the next month and be pushed with all speed possible until the road is completed.

In an effort to avoid trouble from speculators who would obtain property along the right-of-way for the purpose of mulcting the company, the exact route has been kept a close secret. It has been definitely decided upon, nevertheless, and all rights-of-way, it is said, have been secured. It is understood that orders for rails have already been placed in the East and will be on hand by the time sufficient grading has been done for track-laying to begin.

The completion of this road will mark the greatest step in the development of Oregon that has taken place since the completion of the trans-continental railroads, as it will open up thousands of square miles of territory in Central Oregon, which on account of its inaccessibility has hitherto been of little or no value except for live stock purposes.

IRON COUNTY SURVEYS FOR THE RIO GRANDE

The surveyors who have been running a line to the iron fields from Marysville for the Rio Grande, have now completed their work, for the present, having gone as far as Iron City. This was only a preliminary survey, along the lines that were run by Moore, and follows a fairly direct course down the Parowan valley, striking Cedar City on the northwest edge of the town, taking in Parowan and Summit on the way. From Cedar City the line goes west, passing on the northern edge of the coal fields, and crosses the mountains at Orion's ranch.

When the line is completed the Colorado Fuel and Iron company will be able to ship their ore direct to Pueblo via Marysville, Salina and the Leamington cut-off. Seeing that the C. & I. have had a large force of men at work on their Iron county properties all the winter, it looks as though the line were going to be pushed through at once. It is thought that the San Pedro will build east from Lund to one of the holdings of Senator Clark and Col. S. E. Milner. This would establish a direct line from Los Angeles to Denver, bringing these cities several hundred miles nearer to one another.

CANADA WILL HELP BUILD A TRUNK LINE

LONDON, March 8.—The Grand Trunk railroad shareholders, at a meeting today, ratified the agreement with the Canadian Government for the construction of a Grand Trunk line to the Pacific.

The decision was reached only after a prolonged discussion. The meeting was packed, and at one stage of the proceedings the tone was unmistakably hostile to embarking on so huge an enterprise. General Manager Hays, who had come from Canada especially to attend the meeting, saved the situation, and when the final vote was taken there were only a few opponents to the Grand Trunk railroad undertaking to build a trans-continental road.

CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN WILL HAVE FINE QUARTERS

The city office of the Chicago & Northwestern railway will about April 1st remove to handsome new quarters in the Atlas block the company having leased the ground floor room on the east side of the building. Its lease of the present quarters on Main street next to the National Bank of the Republic, does not expire until June 20th, but the lease on the Atlas block room dates from April 1st, so removal will be made about that time. The new office is 25x57 feet and is an admirable location.

JAPANESE EXHIBITORS FOR THE WORLD'S FAIR

A special car, containing a part of the Japanese exhibit for the St. Louis exposition passed over the Oregon Short Line Sunday, en route from Portland to St. Louis. The exhibit was in charge of nineteen Japs of high degree, who were clothed in much official splendor. It is claimed that the Japanese will make a special effort to have at the exposition this year a showing of Oriental skill and enterprise which shall be in keeping with their new importance among the world powers.

Railroad Notes.

G. W. Fitzgerald, general agent of the Rio Grande system at Butte, Mont., is in town.

General Manager W. H. Bancroft of the Oregon Short Line left Sunday night for Los Angeles.

Assistant General Manager Wells of the San Pedro railroad has gone to Riverside, Cal., to attend the opening of the new branch there.

Rio Grande passenger trains from the East continue to run in three and four sections daily, to accommodate the extensive westward-bound colonist business.

The Salt Lake route is now extended to a point fifty-two and a half miles south of Caliente. The contractors are expecting to hurry the work up within the next few days, and have sent to the city for more men.

R. F. Neelen, general agent of the Burlington route, returned yesterday from a trip to Chicago. He reports things very lively in Eastern railroad circles, handling the large traffic for the West and preparing for the World's fair traffic which is soon to set in.

H. O. Wilson, general agent of the Oregon Short Line at Butte, Mont., is in town for a few days. Mr. Wilson reports that this has been a very good winter up in the copper town, and the state of affairs there now is all that could be desired. The mines have never turned out so much ore, the smelters

JAPAN MAKES REPLY TO MISSTATEMENTS BY RUSSIA

In Order to Set Itself Right Before the World and the Powers, the Japanese Government Issues a Statement Denying Seriatim Charges of Alleged Violation of International Law.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The Japanese Minister is authorized by his Government to give to the press the following statement received on the 4th inst.:

"The Imperial Japanese Government is given to understand that the Russian Government has recently addressed a note to the powers in which the Government of Japan is charged with having committed certain acts in Korea which are considered by Russia to be in violation of international law and all future orders and declarations by the Korean Government are declared on that account to be invalid.

"The Imperial Government does not find it necessary in the present instance to concern itself in any way with the views, opinions or declarations of the Imperial Russian Government, but it believes it to be its right and duty to correct misstatement of fact which, if permitted to remain uncontradicted, might give rise to incorrect inferences and conclusions on the part of the neutral powers.

"Accordingly the Government of Japan makes the following statement regarding the five acts which in the note are declared to be fully proved and confirmed:

STATE OF WAR EXISTED.

"First—It is charged under this heading that 'before the opening of hostilities against Russia, Japan landed troops in the independent empire of Korea, which had declared its neutrality.'

"The Imperial Government admits that Japanese troops landed in Korea before the declaration of war was issued, but not before a state of war actually existed between Japan and Russia. The maintenance of the independence and territorial integrity of Korea is one of the objects of the war and the dispatch of troops to the threatened territory was a matter of right and necessity which had the consent of the Korean Government. The Imperial Government drew a sharp distinction between the landing of Japanese troops in Korea under the actual circumstances of the case with the sending of a large body of Russian troops to Manchuria without the consent of China, as was done by Russia while peaceful negotiations were still in progress.

"Second—Under this heading it is alleged that Japan, with a division of Japanese, attempted a sudden attack on the 8th inst., that is, three days before the declaration of war, on two Russian warships which were in the neutral port of Chemulpo and whose commanders had not been notified of the rupture of relations, as the Japanese maliciously stopped the delivery of Russian telegrams by the Danish cable and destroyed the Korean Government's telegraphic communication.

"The Imperial Government declares that the allegations under this heading are untrue. The Imperial Government did not stop the delivery of Russian telegrams by the Danish cable, neither

are all in full blast, all the men have employment and business generally is excellent.

The work of clearing the ground for the new shops and roundhouse of the Oregon Short Line railroad in this city will be begun in a few days, when construction will be pushed as rapidly as possible. The beginning of work on the new passenger depot will very soon follow.

The Chicago & Northwestern Railroad office is going to be moved. C. A. Walker, the general agent, expects to be settled in his new quarters on the ground floor of the Atlas block some time next month. It has been assumed that the National Bank of the Republic would extend its premises to the offices now occupied by the Chicago & Northwestern, but as the lease has not yet expired nothing certain is known at present.

ASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Patterson*

FIVE KILLED IN HEAD-ON COLLISION IN THE SOUTH.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 8.—The Birmingham limited express on the Alabama Southern railroad, running sixty miles an hour, collided head-on with a freight train near Kewanee, Miss., today. Engineer F. P. Lawkin, a colored fireman, Robinson Ridges, and D. D. Nichols, mail clerks, J. H. Hinds, express messenger, were killed, and a mail weigher, name unknown, is missing.

We have moved to No. 12 West Third South. Will be glad to meet our old friends and customers in our new location. On account of cheap rent we will be able to give our patrons the benefit of same, and will sell good goods cheaper than ever.

TOM & JERRY CLOTHING HOUSE,

I. N. Lewis, Prop.

A Bad Year for the Ice Man.

NEW YORK, March 8.—At a meeting of the directors of the American Ice company in Jersey City the financial reports presented showed a deficit of \$8492 for the year ended December 31, 1903, against a deficit of \$162,493 for the previous year.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy

Is the best and most popular medicine in use for bowel complaints. It never fails and is pleasant to take. Mr. R. Woodward of Roselyn, Ky., says, "I have handled Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for twelve years; have never sold a bottle that did not give perfect satisfaction, and it is the best selling diarrhoea medicine that I handle." For sale by all druggists.

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"Regarding the alleged sudden attack on the 8th of February on two Russian men-of-war in the port of Chemulpo, it is only necessary to say that a state of war existed and that Korea, having given her consent to the landing of Japanese troops at Chemulpo, the harbor of Chemulpo thereby ceased to be neutral, at least as between the belligerents.

TAKING OF WAR PRIZES.

"Third—It is charged under this heading that 'in spite of existing international laws which belong to the opening of hostilities Japan captured as prizes of war the Russian merchantmen which were in the neutral ports of Korea.'

"The Imperial Government has established the prize court with full authority to pronounce finally on the question of the legality of the seizures of merchant vessels. Accordingly it would be manifestly out of place for the Imperial Government to make any statement regarding the assertion under this heading.

"Fourth—It is asserted under this number that Japan declared to the Emperor of Korea, through the Japanese Minister at Seoul, that Korea would be henceforth under Japanese administration and warned his Majesty that in the case of non-compliance Japanese troops would occupy the palace.

"The Imperial Government declares the charge under this number to be absolutely and wholly without foundation in fact.

"Fifth—Under this heading it is charged that the Japanese Government forwarded a summons, through the French Minister, to the Russian representative at the court of the Emperor of Korea to leave the country with the staff of the Russian legation and consulate.

"The Imperial Government denies the accuracy of this statement. No demand either direct or indirect was addressed by the Japanese Government asking the Russian Minister to retire from Korea.

"The French Charge d'Affaires called on the Japanese Minister at Seoul and informed him verbally, as he did afterward in writing, that it was the desire of the Russian Minister to leave Korea, and asked the opinion of the Japanese Minister with reference to the matter. The Japanese Minister replied that if the Russian Minister would withdraw in a peaceful manner, leaving with him his staff and legation guard, he would be fully protected by Japanese troops. He did so withdraw of his own free will on the 12th of February and an escort of Japanese soldiers was furnished him as far as Chemulpo. In this connection it may be remarked that long in the absence of instructions which the Russian Minister apparently did not care to give him before his own departure. When it was made known that necessary instructions had at last reached the Russian Consul and that he desired to leave Fusan as soon as possible the Japanese Consul at the same port offered him every facility for his departure and his passage to Shanghai through Japan to the latter."

DAY IN THE HOUSE AND IN THE SENATE

Nevada Senator Wants the Vista Saved—Representative Corrects Misstatements.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—At the beginning of the session of the Senate today Mr. Newlands (Nev.) spoke in favor of the passage of his bill to preserve the vista from the dome of the national capitol to the Washington monument by restricting the erection of public buildings to a line 400 feet on either side of a central line between the points named.

He expressed the opinion that no more public buildings should be erected on the mall, but it should be reserved for exposition buildings with a view of having expositions in Washington every ten years, as is done in Paris.

The bill was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia. The following bills were passed: Amending the mining laws contained in section 2326 revised statutes.

Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to acquire title to lands in Indian reservations within the land grant of the Atlantic & Pacific railroad in New Mexico and Arizona.

The army appropriation bill was then taken up and the reading of the committee amendments proceeded with.

At the request of Mr. Proctor the committee amendment authorizing the payment of 25 per cent of the salaries of officers and men of the Philippine scouts in Philippine currency was disagreed to.

When the reading of the bill was completed the amendment concerning the provisional Porto Rican regiment was again taken up.

IN THE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—In the House today Mr. Gilbert of Kentucky, who made a speech a few days ago in which he criticized the management of the Philippines, obtained consent to correct the record.

He made a brief statement and had read a letter from Gen. J. F. Bell, who said that some of Mr. Gilbert's former statements were not justified.

Gen. Bell cited the rice transactions and some others, and said an injustice had been done Gen. George W. Davis regarding the sale of rice. He also said that his own conduct had been approved by every superior officer with the exception of Gen. Miles.

Mr. Gilbert said he had the letter read as he did not wish to do injustice to any officer of the army.

The House then went into committee

of the whole for the consideration of claim bills on the private calendar.

Considerable discussion was precipitated over the House bill providing an American register for the steamer Beaumont, formerly the Mira, wrecked off the coast of Nova Scotia. Debate was cut off by Mr. Fordney moving that the bill be reported favorably, which was done amid applause.

The committee then rose and the thirty-two bills recommended by the committee were passed. On motion of Mr. Curtis (Kansas) a House joint resolution was passed authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to use \$5000 of certain moneys appropriated by the act of February 18, 1894 for clerical work and labor connected with the sale and leasing of Creek lands and the leasing of Cherokee lands in Indian Territory.

At 5:05 p. m. the house adjourned until tomorrow.

Humors feed on humors—the sooner you get rid of them the better—Hood's Sarsaparilla is the medicine to take.

PHILADELPHIA DOCTOR UNDER A CLOUD.

PHILADELPHIA, March 8.—Coroner Dugan says he has made an important capture in the arrest of Capt. David J. Moser, alias Dr. Adams, who was taken into custody today charged with performing a criminal operation. Dr. Moser's arrest was the result of an investigation instigated by the police and Coroner's jury in an effort to unearth an alleged syndicate engaged in illegal medical practice. The police express the opinion that they will be able to get a complete exposure of the syndicate.

An Easy Test

To ascertain exactly
what your sickness COMES FROM.

One day you suspect it's "from something I've eaten."

Next day perhaps "it's the change in the weather."

Next day it's "I have overworked a bit."

Again it's "because I can't sleep."

You occasionally have a suspicion that coffee causes the troubles and sometimes really believe you should stop coffee and see if it really does what some people claim. But, the breakfast comes on and the coffee is there, and "it's so hard to give it up."

"If I really thought coffee was hurting me I would quit it, because I value health above everything, but as long as there's a doubt I keep on using coffee and yet staring me in the face is the fact that I have

Taken medicines of many kinds.
Changed food.
Tried exercise.
Changed climate.
"Tried various other methods to get well and yet"

"Here I Am"
"Ailing right along and getting slowly a little worse each month."
"Something must be done for there is but one end to the road I am now going."
"COFFEE?"

"Oh rats about the coffee, it don't hurt me, why I've drank it for twenty years."

"Experiment to learn the exact truth about it!"

"Why of course I would really like to know definitely and surely all about it for I want to find the demon that keeps me ill, prevents my enjoyment of health and strength and keeps me from success in business, because I am half sick all the time."

"How's that? Quit coffee ten days?"
"Pretty hard to do neighbor."

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against the fact that

Coffee does
Ruin
Thousands of People.

If as a result of this test you find, in two or three days, peaceful sleep returns, appetite comes keen again, stomach no longer feels sick and abused. Breath sweet once more and tongue clean.

The yellow skin takes on pink and white.

Bowels become natural and you can walk forth with the old time spring of conscious strength and health.

Then

and only then will you certainly know that coffee has, all along been your hidden enemy, and how much you have thrown away in peace, money, comfort, accomplishment and position during the past years and all for the miserable pittance of a morning cup of coffee.

Poor old weak humanity, what chattering, doddering fools we are to exchange the brilliant and wonderful birthright for such a mess of pottage,

TO PRESERVE ILLEGAL BALLOTS IN PHOTOS

DENVER, March 8.—District Judge Johnson today gave permission to attorneys for the league of honest elections to have photographs taken of fraudulent ballots used in precinct 2 of the Fourth ward of this city. It is claimed there are less than 200 legal voters in this precinct, yet at the November election 726 ballots were deposited in the box. Criminal charges are pending against City Detective William Green and the other election officers of this precinct, and today complaints charging ballot box stuffing were filed against the officials of still another Fourth ward precinct.

ALLEGED SENDER OF POISONED CANDY MUST FACE MUSIC.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 8.—Sheriff Laughlin of Pierre, arrived here today with a requisition for Mrs. Sherman Dye, who is in jail on a charge of having sent poisoned candy to Miss Rena Nelson. The papers were presented to the Governor, who, after obtaining the advice of the Attorney-General, which was to the effect that there was no legal hindrance to the surrender of the prisoner, intimated that he would issue the necessary papers.

SORES AND ULCERS SHOW A BAD CONDITION OF THE BLOOD

When the blood is in bad condition a bruise, cut, scratch, or any slight injury to the flesh, is apt to become an ugly-looking sore or ulcer. Sometimes a boil, blister or pimple is the beginning of a large eating ulcer or open, discharging sore. Often the blood is naturally bad, and is that way from birth, and such people suffer with various kinds of sores from infancy through old age. The blood may become so weak and watery from the effects of malarial sickness, debility or some old chronic trouble, that the impurities break out in bad sores on the lower extremities or other part of the body. There is always some morbid, unhealthy matter in the blood that keeps the sore discharging, and must be gotten out before it will heal. Washes and salves, while cleansing, soothing and helpful, will not do it, because they do not reach the poisoned blood; but S. S. S. cleanses and purifies the diseased blood, and when this is accomplished the place heals. Where the health has been impaired it restores strength and vigor to the system, improves the appetite and digestion, and tones up the nerves. Purifying the blood is the surest way to get rid of an old sore or ulcer. Medical advice is free.

A common boil appeared on the calf of my right leg. I used the simple home remedies but the place refused to heal. The physician I consulted did me no good. My leg was a solid sore from oint to ankle, and I then began S. S. S. and I improved rapidly, but an attack of typhoid fever settled in the original sore, causing a backset. I began it again as soon as I was over the fever, and was completely and permanently cured.

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